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People waited patiently in the hot sun to get local peaches from the Bennett Orchards stand at last Sunday's farmers market in Berlin. Peaches and blueberries are in right now, with more fresh produce on the way as the season deepens.

Knupp case defendants seek venue change

Circuit court motions filed but judge has yet to decide on request from accused

By Hunter Hine
Staff Writer

(July 6, 2023) July 11 will mark one year since the hit-and-run incident that resulted in the death of 14-year-old Ocean Pines resident Gavin Knupp.

In the months since, the Knupp family has formed a charity in his honor, the community and many local businesses have posted signs calling for justice and the Worcester County courts have scheduled a trial date for suspected driver Tyler Mailloux, a 22-year-old Berlin resident.

Now, citing all the publicity and social media commentary about the case, attorneys for Mailloux are asking the court for a change of venue.

The motion asking for the change was filed by Mailloux's attorneys on June 16. The defense claims in the motion that the widespread publicity given to the incident locally has created prejudice against Mailloux across Worcester County.

Mailloux's attorneys argue that because of the news coverage, road signs, public demonstrations, harassment of Mailloux and his family, and social media presence like that of the

Do It For Gavin Facebook group, the defendant would not be able to receive a fair and impartial trial inside the county even with the vetting of jury members.

In a response to the motion, the office of State's Attorney Kristin Heiser argued that the defense's argument fails to show that news coverage has been consistently negative toward the defendant and that many of the sto-

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Billy Barb and John Brumley, left, opened the Reel Deal on Sunset Avenue, featuring made-from-scratch food with local ingredients.

Reel Deal Restaurant in WOC striving to cater to fishermen

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 6, 2023) The Reel Deal is looking for a few hungry fishermen to feed.

The new restaurant opened a few weeks ago in the former site of Bradda Barney's on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City. Barney, the dog, still graces one wall of the restaurant in a cool surfing mural the restaurant's owners kept during their remodeling effort.

Being so close to the docks in West Ocean City, the co-owners John Brumley and Billy Barb, hope to serve those heading out on the water by providing lunch to go.

They are willing to deliver at 4 a.m. before the crews head out on the water.

"Fishermen need a spot to call their own," said Brumley.

"This is my dream," Barb said of owning a restaurant. He has been a general manager of many restaurants in Ocean City. Now he has a place of his own. Brumley is part owner of Uptown Eats as well.

The restaurant is a mix of dine in and carry out. It has 38 seats, a nice wood top bar and made-from-scratch food.

The menu includes crab cakes and soft shells, onion rings, wraps and salads. They expect to expand their offerings soon and are considering breakfast options too.

"The response has been great. We can't thank the local folks enough," Barb said.

Barb highly recommends their cheese steaks and chicken cheese steaks. The rolls they use are delivered from Philadelphia.

"The bread is unbelievable, and they make it just for us," Brumley said.

Barb says folks from Philadelphia say their cheesesteaks are just as good at the ones they get back home.

"That's because we use ribeye," Brumley said. He says you won't find that in most other restaurants in Ocean City.

Other food, like crab meat and fish, they are trying to source locally.

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Campaigns signs sprout up across Ocean Pines lawns

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 6, 2023) The Ocean Pines Board elections are in full swing, and with that come election signs. Ocean Pines has specific guidance developed by the Architectural Review Committee on signs in the community.

- Signs cannot be displayed on any developed or vacant lot without the approval of the property owner.

- No political signs can be placed on or in any property, right of way, building, bulletin board, structure, road sign or tree owned by or under the control of the association.

- Only one sign per candidate may be displayed at any one time in the front of the property. Those property owners with waterfront or golf course lots and those backing on to Route 589, Route 90 or Beauchamp Road may place signs in the front and rear of their properties.

- After the elections, all signs must be taken down within seven days.

While the guidelines specifically

focus on political signs, “In practice, OPA has allowed candidate signage for years,” Tom Piatti, the chair of the Election Advisory Committee said.

“So far, it appears that candidates and property owners are complying with the rules of the community.”

Soon residents will see “Vote” signs popping up on Ocean Pines properties, according to Cheryl Jacobs, the chair of the Communications Advisory Committee. The signs are being produced this week and will be unveiled at an event announcing the winners of the sign contest.

Important upcoming election dates include:

Voter eligibility deadline – Wednesday, July 6

Ballots mailed – Week of July 11

Ballot deadline – Tuesday, Aug. 8 by 4 p.m.

Ballots counted and vote totals announced – Thursday, Aug 10

Annual Meeting – Saturday, Aug. 12

The elections will be validated at the annual meeting.

Annual Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank Golf Scramble July 12

(July 6, 2023) Players and sponsors are needed for the Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank Golf Scramble set for July 12.

The 39th annual tournament is a fundraiser for local scholarships and junior golf programs, and will begin at 9 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Golf Club with a shotgun start.

The deadline for players and sponsors is July 10.

The annual tournament benefits junior golf in the area by supporting junior golf clinics and an annual tournament for junior golfers.

The scramble also raises funds for scholarships for local high school seniors who have shown an interest

in golf. In the last eight years, the Golf Members’ Council has raised almost \$60,000 for local scholarships.

The public entry fee is \$120 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men’s and ladies’ closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and lunch at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille following the tournament.

Players may sign up individually or as a foursome. Individuals or incomplete teams will be paired.

Taylor Bank is the longtime event title sponsor. Platinum, gold, and silver level sponsorships are still available.

To download a player or sponsorship form, visit oceanpines.org//documents/10184/91707/Taylor+Bank+2023+trifold+flyer.pdf?t=1688062236870.

Entry and sponsorship forms may also be picked up at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. Fees may be mailed to Ocean Pines Golf Members’ Council at PO Box 1356, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Checks should be made payable to “Ocean Pines Golf Members’ Council.”

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Ocean Pines restores gazebo at golf club, honoring history

(July 6, 2023) Ocean Pines officials recently announced the successful restoration and reinstallation of a gazebo at the golf club, breathing new life into a structure with almost four decades of history.

Under the guidance of General Manager John Viola, the gazebo's restoration initiative took shape in response to feedback from members of the Golf Advisory Committee.

The restoration efforts were further fueled by committee member Don McMullen, a devoted golf member since the 1970s, who shared the gazebo's origins tracing back to the inaugural Calvin B. Taylor Bank golf tournament that started 39 years ago.

"The tournament was born out of a desire to honor our fallen golf members. It began as a memorial golf tournament, with Calvin B. Taylor Bank assuming the role of the pioneering sponsor, a position they have proudly held since," McMullen said in a news release.

McMullen added that the original tournament was held in 1984 and was organized by Hunt Crosby, the second golf professional in Ocean Pines. The gazebo came about thanks to a partnership between the bank and

the Ocean Pines Board of Golf Directors.

Calvin B. Taylor Bank became Taylor Bank in 1985.

Today, the Taylor Bank Scramble continues the tournament tradition, channeling funds toward junior golf programs and scholarships for local high school students. Notably, the annual event has raised nearly \$60,000 for scholarships over the past eight years.

When the gazebo fell into disrepair, Public Works Director Eddie Wells and his team stepped in to assess its condition.

"We were able to lift and load it on our trailer without it falling apart, and once we got it to our shop, we checked it over and found that the main structure was still good," Wells said in the release. "We removed the roof and repaired all the rafters that were badly damaged, and we did repairs to the railing and steps, as well as timbers replaced under the structure."

Public Works staff also procured a new cupola for the gazebo's crown and replaced missing or rusted screws. The structure underwent a power wash to help restore its original condition.

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Dr. Cynthia Salmond of Coastal Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine in Berlin shares this belief.

"I've been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over four years and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They see one of my ads, or hear the testimonial of another patient and say to themselves, 'Hey, I feel the same thing.'"

Frankie M. of Annapolis testified to this. "I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking, 'I would give anything just to walk again'. My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed."

Fortunately, Frankie would eventually see Dr. Salmond on the news and how she offers a real solution at Coastal AIM. "I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope."

"Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie's. They've been everywhere else. They've been told there's no hope," shares Liz, a Patient Care Technician at

Coastal AIM. "It just breaks my heart, but I know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I'm always so happy when they walk through our door."

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a grim reality; Western Medicine declares there is no solution while most alternative therapies carry large price tags and offer little to no resolution. Which is why Dr. Salmond and the staff at Coastal AIM pride themselves on being the 'last resort with the best results'.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves and this damage is commonly caused by the lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. A lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients; the nerves then begin to degenerate and die which causes pain ranging from discomfort to debilitation. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving patients suffering from crippling balance issues. "In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing," shares Dr. Salmond, "This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread."

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"I just can't say enough about Coastal AIM," Frankie shared through tears of joy. My husband and I moved here almost three years ago and he's gone to the beach almost everyday. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. Yesterday, I walked on the beach with him! And next week, we're making plans for a weekend music festival. I am truly living life these days."

According to Frankie's test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is "on par with the majority of our patients," shares Liz. "But more important than those test results is the joy she's expressed being here and hearing about all the amazing things she's able to do because she feels great!"

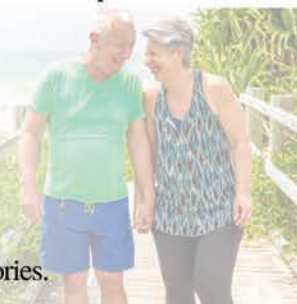
By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred. She says, "This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I'm familiar with medical miracles, but I know the limits as a practitioner and the limits of this medicine."

When it comes to treating peripheral neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves chances of a full recovery.

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(Above) A newly restored gazebo sits on display in its spot at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. (Left) A before shot of the recently restored Ocean Pines Golf Club gazebo inside the public works shop where it was worked on. After restorations were made, the gazebo was taken back to its original spot at the club. SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Historic gazebo restored in OP

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nal appearance as well.

Once the restoration process was complete, the gazebo was loaded onto a trailer and returned to the Golf Club, with input from Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne regarding the new placement.

Viola said the restoration of the gazebo helps honor the community's heritage, the Golf Club's legacy, and the decades of philanthropy associated with the Taylor Bank tournament.

"We recognize the importance of preserving Ocean Pines' history and honoring the enduring contributions made through the Taylor Bank tour-

nement," Viola said. "The exceptional work carried out by Public Works, in collaboration with Don and the Golf Committee, exemplifies our commitment to this vision."

The Taylor Bank Scramble is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12. The deadline for players and sponsors is Monday, July 10.

To download a player or sponsor registration form, visit oceanpines.org//documents/10184/91707/Taylor+Bank+2023+trifold+flyer.pdf?t=1688062236870.

Reel Deal offers fresh eats in OC

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They plan to launch an app in a few weeks to help with orders.

"Let us know a day in advance," Brumley said about early or larger orders.

They are looking to the August Board of License Commissioners meeting to get their beer and wine license.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. The Reel Deal is located at 12703 Sunset Avenue, Suite 7 in West Ocean City.

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Ocean Pines parks, rec facilities evaluated

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 6, 2023) The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee provided a report to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on the conditions of the community's parks. The report contained a substantial list of recommendations.

Based on a survey of residents conducted in the fall of 2022, the committee reviewed the physical and material condition of the recreation and parks areas.

The report covers each of the 14 park and recreation areas, providing specific recommendations for each.

Some of the bigger projects were at Bainbridge Park, Manklin Meadows Park, Pintail Park, Whitehorse Park and the Southgate Pond walking trail.

At Bainbridge Park, where the frisbee golf course is located, the committee found the course to be insufficiently marked. It recommended new signs and markings for holes and suggested that Bryant Dean from Eastbound Disc Golf provide an improved course map and develop better hole signs. The committee suggested that OPA should invest surplus funds into this work.

The committee also recommended that the Bainbridge playground be replaced. It suggested making the play-



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The Rec and Parks Advisory Committee suggested to the OPA Board of Directors that the playground equipment at Bainbridge Park be replaced. This is just one of many recommendations in their Ocean Pines Park Condition Assessment.

ground ADA compliant and improving drainage around the playground. The OPA is surveying residents about the Bainbridge Park playground. The survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/43b7940>

Due to the remote location of Manklin Meadows Park, the committee suggested adding portable rest-

rooms to the park.

At Pintail Park, residents requested access to the water for kayaks and a dock. The committee suggested a waterfront pier and handicap access. This suggestion has recently been acted upon by the board.

The tennis courts at the Swim and Racquet Club Park are not regularly

used. The committee recommended adding fitness equipment, a covered picnic area and additional pickleball courts.

At Whitehorse Park, signs indicate that no dogs or bikes are allowed, yet both cyclists and dog walkers regularly use this area. The committee

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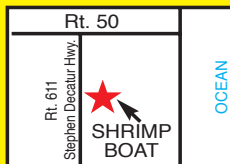
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Advisory committee provides recommendations for parks

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 recommended that the signs be removed to allow for these activities.

The committee also noted that shuffleboard, bocci ball, and horseshoe pits at the park need repair and equipment should be provided.

At the Southgate Pond Walking Trail, the committee recommended installing outdoor fitness stations, which was a request made in the recent survey of residents.

The report made the following overall recommendations:

The Public Works Department should increase efforts to clean trash and debris from trails. The parks committee volunteered to help with cleaning the trails where appropriate.

The committee also wants to re-establish the OPA Adopt-a-Park program partnerships to aid in park & trail maintenance, suggesting that it could be a source of revenue and labor to maintain the parks.

"The Adopt-a-Park program guidelines have been updated. The Department of Recreation and Parks continues to administer the program," said Bill Barnard, the chair of the Rec and Parks Advisory Committee.

The committee found that a number of the parks have been adopted in the past, but it is unclear whether any

maintenance work is being done by the adopters.

Overall, many of the walking trails need improvements. The committee suggested adding gravel to maintain levels and cover tripping safety hazards, beautify the trails, and enable accessibility for residents with limited mobility. It also suggested adding safety crosswalks and crossing signs where walking trails intersect with roadways.

The committee suggested installing dog waste plastic bag dispensers and trash receptacles at major entrances to trails to help dog owners dispose of their pet waste and aid in trash removal convenience.

In the report, the committee said it was willing to support each recommendation by coordinating volunteers to assist the OPA departments in taking corrective action. This should reduce costs and labor on the OPA Departments.

Barnard suggested that a volunteer coordinator position would also be helpful.

The committee also suggested the need for more fitness opportunities for residents. Suggestions included a new facility or outdoor equipment.

The committee will be submitting an annual report by Oct. 31 with these recommendations, Barnard said.

Ocean Pines asks residents to take cell service survey

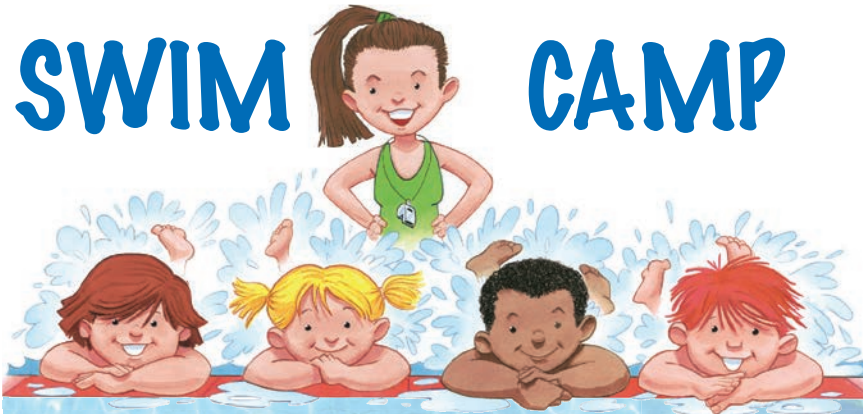
(July 6, 2023) As part of efforts to improve cell service, the Ocean Pines Association has released a short survey to gauge customers' satisfaction.

The survey, according to a news release, aims to use the feedback received to work with partners to find a solution to longtime cell service is-

sues. The release said the survey should take about a minute to complete and individual answers will be kept confidential.

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Rescheduled Arts Day in the Pines set July 9 at Memorial

(July 6, 2023) The Art League of Ocean City's free Arts Day in the Pines event is set for Sunday, July 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines. The event was rescheduled from June 24 due to inclement weather.

The event will feature more than 40 artisans offering original arts and crafts including pottery, paintings, glassware, fiber art, jewelry, and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artists and buy directly from them.

"Veterans Memorial Park is a new location for us this year, and we are so excited to expand and grow this event even bigger than before," Aubrey Sizemore, Art League Event Coordinator, said in a news release. "We had over 7,000 people attend Arts Day last year, so everyone loves the fun for the whole family. Bring a chair and stay all day."

Musical artists will perform origi-


nal pieces throughout the day. Radio Ocean City will feature kids' contests with prizes including gift cards to area businesses, Fisher's popcorn, and items from their businesses. Food trucks will offer a variety of fare. Beer and wine will also be available.

Children's and family activities include bouncy houses, youth plein air painting, bubbles, coloring, geocaching, face painting, pipe cleaner art, planting, and tie dying. Special art classes for adults will include creating mini mosaic jewelry pendants and paint-alongs for an extra fee.

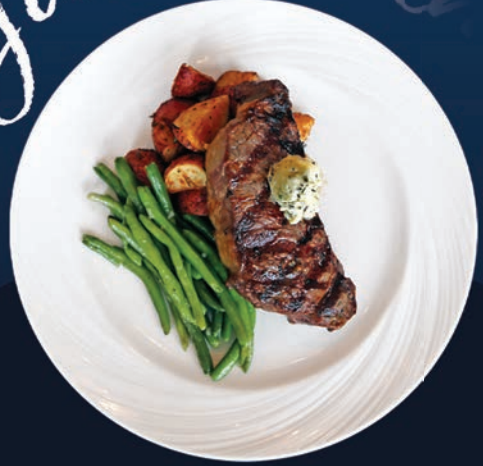
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Year anniversary of Knupp's death coming up July 11

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ries do not name Mailloux.

The prosecutors also note that the social media activity involving posts related to the trial or to Mailloux cannot be directly attributed to Worcester County residents, and that the defense hasn't shown how the coverage would prejudice Mailloux, nor why jury selection couldn't address the issue.

"Extensive knowledge in the community of either the crime or the criminal is not sufficient, by itself, to render a trial constitutionally unfair," prosecutors wrote in the response.

The judge has not yet made a decision on the motion.

Tiffany Knupp, Gavin's mother, made a post on the Do It For Gavin - Justice for Gavin Facebook group on Saturday, asking all media to direct questions to the family's attorney Neil Dubovsky, saying that the next few weeks will be very emotional for the Knupp family and their friends.

"As we approach the one-year anniversary of Gavin's passing, the Knupp family remains as committed as ever to honoring Gavin's legacy and making sure that justice is served," Dubovsky said in a state-



FILE PHOTO COURTESY TONY AND PAM PRATT
Surfers gather on July 23 last year during the Celebration of Life paddle out in memory of Gavin Knupp. This year's memorial event is set for July 11, the one-year anniversary of the 14-year-old's death.

ment. "We have complete trust and confidence in the State's Attorney's office to that end."

The Do It For Gavin Facebook group has more than 23,000 members who post in remembrance of Gavin, in support of the family, and to spread hopes for justice.

On Sunday, group member Terry

Beach, Gavin Knupp's grandfather, posted in the Facebook group, sharing pictures of Gavin crabbing with him on July Fourth weekend of last year. Beach wrote that he and his two sons, Ray Knupp, Gavin's father, and Roger Knupp, Gavin's uncle, went crabbing again on Saturday for the first time since that weekend last year.

Heiser filed 17 charges against Mailloux on April 28, about nine-and-a-half months after Gavin's death. Of the 17 charges, four are felonies, two of which carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. All the charges are related to Mailloux's alleged failures to stop at the scene or later report it.

On May 17, the court scheduled Mailloux's trial for Sept. 11-14 at the Worcester County Circuit Court in Snow Hill.

A Bayside Gazette article from May 25 stated that the trial days would be split between Judge Brett W. Wilson and Judge Brian Shockley, which is how the scheduling on Maryland Case Search was originally listed.

Mailloux's case page was later changed so that Wilson will oversee

all four days of the trial and the motion hearing on Aug. 18.

Attorney George Psoras Jr., of Rice Murtha & Psoras LLC, in Lutherville will represent Mailloux, while the prosecution will include Heiser and Paul Haskell, also from the State's Attorney's office.

Mailloux's initial appearance in court, which had been scheduled for May 31, was canceled, because the reasons for the appearance were to advise Mailloux of his charges and alert him to the right to have an attorney.

If a defendant already has an attorney, the meeting is not necessary, Heiser said.

Almost one year ago, Gavin's sister, Summer Knupp, who is now 17, picked Gavin up from a friend's house around 10:45 p.m. on July 11, 2022. While driving west on Gray's Corner Road on the way back to their mother's house, the two stopped. Gavin allegedly left the car to take a picture of a taxidermy deer mount on the side of the road. While crossing back across the street, a vehicle heading east struck him.

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Officials remind OP residents to keep ditches free of debris

(July 6, 2023) Ocean Pines and Worcester County officials are reminding residents to keep their ditches clear of leaves and other debris.

Ryan Presock, a Natural Resources Inspector for Worcester County, said in a news release that clogging one ditch can cause drainage problems that impact multiple properties, or even an entire neighborhood.

“It has come to our attention that homeowners are still filling ditches with leaves, specifically in the ditches that run parallel with Beauchamp Road,” Presock said. “If you are caught doing this illegal operation,

Worcester County will impose citations up to \$1000 to the homeowners.

He added that filling ditches with leaves and other debris can impede flow.

“If this causes property owners upstream a hardship and areas get flooded on their property because of this illegal operation, the violator can be sued civilly under Maryland Common Drainage Laws,” Presock said.

Worcester County and Ocean Pines officials will be working together to rectify the issue, so nearby homeowners are not impacted.

For questions or to report an issue, call 410-641-7425.

Knupp family member posts memory of Gavin on Facebook

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Summer Knupp reportedly tried to perform CPR on her brother before first responders took him to Atlantic General Hospital.

Gavin was pronounced dead at AGH.

On July 17, 2022 police discovered a black Mercedes that had damage consistent with the hit in the garage

of Ralph DeAngelus, a local businessman. Maryland State Police took the vehicle for processing.

Mailloux is the son of DeAngelus’s girlfriend, Kearston Frey.

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The Ordinance will be introduced for a first reading on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The public hearing on the Ordinance will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Both meetings will be held during Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, 2nd Floor, Berlin, MD 21811.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-641-2770 for further information.

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Second Gavin Knupp Paddle Out set July 11

The second Gavin Knupp Memorial Paddle Out will take place at 4 p.m., July, 11, on the beach at 36th Street.

Tiffany Knupp, Gavin’s mother, posted the event on the Do It For Gavin Facebook group early this week. People are welcome to join as community members swim into the ocean on surfboards in remembrance of Gavin at 5 p.m., Tiffany Knupp wrote. The paddle out takes place on the one-year anniversary of the hit-and-run accident that resulted in Gavin’s death.

Gavin was an avid angler, hunter, skater and surfer.

The family held the first paddle out for Gavin on July 23, 2022, which was organized by the Ocean City Surf Club. About 250 surfers and roughly 400 others attended.

As of Wednesday, 31 people had marked “going” on the Facebook event listing, and 88 people marked “interested.”

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Maryland boat safety class offered in July at OP Library

(July 6, 2023) According to the United States Coast Guard, the main cause of boating incidents leading to death is collisions. Both collisions with another watercraft and collisions with stationary objects rank as a leading causes of boating accidents.

It is important to have an understanding of boating rules and navigation to be a safe boater. Every boater should take a safe boating class to gain the knowledge and understanding of safe boating.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the

class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is National Association of State Boating Law Administrators-approved and valid in all states.

Courses for the month of July are set 6-9 p.m. July 11 and 12, at the Ocean Pines Library.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials.

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Ocean Pines Police hosting National Night Out August 1

(July 6, 2023) The Ocean Pines Police Department has announced the return of National Night Out, set for Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The free event scheduled from 6-8 p.m. at White Horse Park, with the public welcome to join in the festivities.

National Night Out is an annual initiative observed across local communities since establishment in 1984. Taking place on the first Tuesday in August, it aims to foster positive police-community partnerships and enhance neighborhood camaraderie, ultimately working toward creating safer and more secure neighborhoods.

Residents and visitors of Ocean Pines are invited to take part in the event, which according to a news release will be filled with entertainment and valuable opportunities to engage with law enforcement officials.

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Wave and members of the Ocean Pines Police will host various games to entertain and engage participants.

Attendees will also have the chance to indulge in complimentary food offerings and free giveaways.

"Ocean Pines has consistently been recognized as one of the safest communities in Maryland and the United States, and the Ocean Pines Police Department takes immense pride in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of its residents," Ocean Pines Police Lt. Shakhan Toppin said in the release. "National Night Out is a testament to that dedication. The event promises an evening of fun and enjoyment for all, while also providing an opportunity to connect with your local law enforcement personnel."

For more information about National Night Out, contact the Ocean Pines Police Department at 410-641-7747.



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A concept plan for development at Heron Park in Berlin.

Future of Heron Park on agenda for July 10

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 6, 2023) When the future of Heron Park came up for discussion at the June 24 mayor and council meeting in Berlin, some members of the public seemed unsure of the details included in Coastal Ventures Properties' proposal for the property's development.

That is about to change, as the mayor's office has said the town will add a public work session on Heron Park at 6 p.m. to the agenda of their July 10 meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment at that time.

Palmer Gillis, who heads Coastal Ventures, agreed that a good public vetting will clear up any misconceptions about what his company proposes to do with the parcel.

"There seems to be some thoughts in a part of the public that believes that there is some form of secret conspiracy that is occurring behind

closed doors," Gillis said. "Let's open the doors."

Heron Park is located at the former Tyson Chicken Processing Plant. The land and buildings were purchased in 2016 by the town of Berlin for \$2.5 million and has been used as park land since then. The town currently owes \$2.3 million on the property.

The July 10 meeting will be the first of two to three town meetings expected to take place in August.

During the public comment segment of the June 24 meeting, residents discussed various options for the site, including a pollinator garden, solar panels, EV charging stations, amphitheater, and a garden center.

"What was a bit challenging for us was almost everything that the public was desiring to happen at Heron Park are exactly what we want as well," Gillis said.

The proposal by Gillis stated: "We visualize a vibrant and lively multi-

use commercial building(s) providing a home for a plethora of businesses, events, and community to exist here.

"Our goal is to create a stronger public use by providing a new roadway from Old Ocean City Boulevard directly to the entrance of Heron Park. Not only do we want the community to continue the use of the park and lagoons, we want to help foster this use and provide greater amenities for the public."

The plan goes on to identify some of the potential uses for the land, including a public amphitheater, restaurants and eateries, garden center, multi-use fields, bike racks and offices.

The proposal outlines a plan to use the \$500,000 demolition grant to remove sections of the industrial processing building and leave roughly two 25,000 square foot sections that would be renovated into multi-use commercial buildings.

The proposal states, "it is also of

our utmost priority to maintain and enhance the public usage of Heron Park and the existing lagoons for the community."

"It's way okay with us if the town decides to reject our proposal and move in a different direction. While some may not believe this, Sandy [Gillis's wife], I and our family want what's best for the town as well," Gillis wrote in an email to Mayor Tyn-dall and others on the development subcommittee.

"I am confident that what we have presented is of best value and an excellent solution for the town. If implemented, you will be standing on the street corner three to five years from now and be proud, just like we will be, of what has been accomplished."

Gillis is familiar with the property: his company, Gillis-Gilkinson built portions of the chicken plant. The buildings include a processing plant, an office, cafeteria and wastewater treatment plant.

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Diana Denk June crafter of month

(July 6, 2023) The Pine'eer Craft Club recently announced Ocean Pines resident Diane Denk as the June 2023 Crafter of the Month.

Denk relocated in 2017 after retiring from the Philly and Wilmington areas. She had a long career as an executive administrator and is thrilled to enjoy the crafting time that retirement affords her.

Diane's craft is crocheting. And since she started working with it in her twenties, she has been perfecting her art for some time.

Denk's signature shop piece is 100 percent cotton CRAB coasters. They are very popular in the artisan gift shop. Other handcrafted crocheted pieces include baby and birthday gifts like hooded baby blankets, octopus, headbands, prayer squares, ponchos, water bottle holders, hats, scarves, cowls, fingerless gloves, tooth pouches, girls capelette, shawls, mermaid cocoons, toddler sweaters, cosmetic bags, washcloths, Swiffer dry mop covers, and more.

Denk joined the Pine'eer Craft Club almost as soon as she moved to the area and is a former craft shop manager. She is very active in the Ocean Pines community and serves as a member of Kiwanis of Ocean Pines/Ocean City, Pinochle in the Pines, Widow and Widowers Club, Line Dancing Group, Fiber Friends, and a former Secretary of Delmarva Dancing.

"Two years ago, I initiated Desserts in the Park in connection with Rec and Parks 'Concerts in the Park' every Thursday night from June 22 through August 24, from 7 to 9 p.m.," Denk said in a news release. "Our talented club members bake individual delicious homemade goodies to be purchased by concert goers. It means you can enjoy something yummy while listening to great music, and we can raise more money for the club and community!"

To see Denk's crocheted works and more creations, visit the Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop. The shop is open



Ocean Pines resident Diana Denk poses with some of her handmade crochet items. Denk was recently named the June Crafter of the Month by the Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club.

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every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., except holidays.

The club is always seeking new crafters and meetings are open to the public. Artisans who would like to sell creations at the shop are encouraged to contact shop managers Debbie Jiwa or Barbara Herzog, or email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information.

Since its inception, the craft club has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines. The club has been hand-crafting in Ocean Pines for 49 years.



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RANDY'S CREW DONATION

Wayne Littleton, the director of Randy's Crew, left, presents a donation check to representatives from Relay for Life of Worcester County at the organization's recent Mexican Fiesta in your Backyard fundraiser. Randy's Crew is a fundraising organization that benefits the Worcester County Humane Society and Town Cats, a local organization dedicated to the welfare of homeless cats.



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COUNTY RETIREES

Five Worcester County retiring staff members pose together at a June 20 County Commissioners meeting. Pictured front row from left are Recycle Worker III Sylvester Byrd (20 years), Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic III Johnnie Lewis (18 years), Benefits Manager Hope Carmean (47 years), Transfer Station Attendant Wade Hudson (10 years), and Human Resources Specialist Ann Hankins (15 years). Pictured second row from left are Commissioners Caryn Abbott, Joe Mitreic, Jim Bunting, Chip Bertino, Eric Fiori, Ted Elder and Diana Purnell. The commissioners recognized the retirees for their service during the meeting.



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MONTHLY KIWANIS

Pictured from left are Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City June Kiwanians of the month Lynne McAllorum and Kitty Wrench with Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing. McAllorum was chosen for her ability to provide outstanding guest speakers for the club each week and Wrench was recognized for co-chairing numerous year-long concessions.



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GARDEN CLUB AT GULL CREEK

Members of the Worcester County Garden Club pose for a picture at the new garden at Gull Creek Senior Living facility in Berlin. Pictured from left are Karen Trigger, Glenda Clarke, Ellen Howse, Mary Ellen Jefferson, Joan LaHayne, Suzy Young and Pat Arata. Club members recently attended an event to celebrate and thank those who made the garden possible. The club previously provided floral arrangements to residents and will coordinate garden therapy programs during the coming year.



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WORCESTER GRADS

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 90th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown. Pictured front row from left are Nicolas Centeio, Timothy Chaykosky Jr., Ja-Quez Harrell, Ian Williams and Ezra Wong of the Ocean City Police Department. Pictured back row from left are Hunter Nelson and Andrew Ortiz of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.



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KIWANIS SPEAKER

Berlin Police Chief Arnold R. Downing, right, poses with Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Bob Wolfing after speaking at a recent meeting at the Ocean Pines Library. Downing talked about the police department and about issues and problem related to children during their time away from school, among some other topics.

Snapshots



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SDHS SCHOLARSHIPS

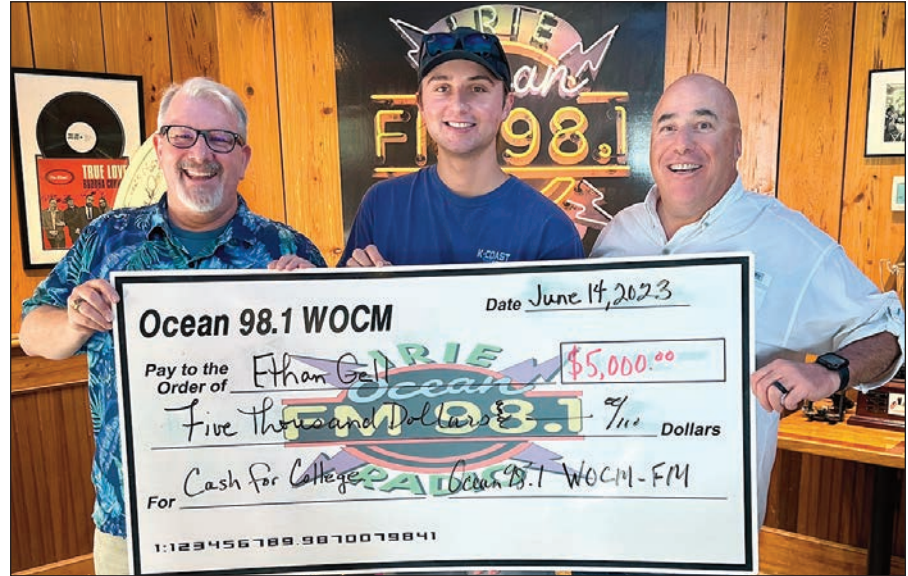
A group of Stephen Decatur High School seniors pose together recently after members presented them with Elks Carroll Wagner Scholarship Awards. Pictured from left are Richard Herron, Elks president; David Poore, scholarship co-chairman; SDHS seniors and award winners Anas Omar, Sophie Reister, Jessica Beck, Rina Direckson, Gabriel Geiser, Kameron Harris and Alex Navarro; and Pat Flynn, scholarship co-chairman.



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LIONS DONATION

Cricket Center Executive Director Lauren Cooper poses with Berlin Lions Club Representative with a donation check from the club. The Lions recently donated \$500 to the child advocacy center.



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RADIO SCHOLARSHIP

Pictured from left are David Fuhrer, Ocean 98.1 WOCM-FM senior account executive; Snow Hill High School graduate Ethan Gell; and Ocean 98 host David "Bulldog" Rothner. Gell was one of three graduates from Worcester, Wicomico and Sussex counties awarded \$5,000 scholarships for college through the station's annual Cash for College Awards.



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KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of 2023 Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City scholarships pose with their awards at a recent meeting. Pictured from left in front are students Natalie Canham, Keeley Catrino, Corbin Denk, Ava Elliot, Gabriel Geiser, Kameron Harris, Candence Hughes, Kora Ketner, Emily Sandt and Aryavir Sangwan. Pictured back row from left are Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee members Kathy Hill, Tony Winter, Chairman Jim Maratea, Tom Foreman, Dick Claggett and Lyle Dillon.



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KIWANIS SPEAKER

Christy Gordon, the executive director of the Delmarva Discovery Museum, poses with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing after speaking to the club and guests at a recent meeting. The museum was conceived as a place where visitors could explore the rich history of the Delmarva Peninsula. It offers a variety of exhibits, public events and educational programs. Children visit on field trips and attend summer camp, which will be offered the second week of July. They museum will also host a fundraiser golf tournament Sept. 9 at the Ocean Resorts Golf Club.

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During its annual celebration in April, the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary honored the continued dedication and volunteer service of its members. Pictured, from left, recognized for 21-plus year of service are Jane Bartolomeo, Nicholas Bartolomeo, Mary Lou Jones, and Kathleen Loetz.

Atlantic General volunteers provide 40K hrs of services

(July 6, 2023) During an annual celebration in April, the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary presented a check for \$50,000 to the hospital foundation's annual appeal, and honored the continued dedication and volunteer service of its members.

Volunteers support AGH by donating their time and expertise in every aspect of the hospital and health system, as well as in the community, providing more than 40,000 hours of service annually.

From the mail room to the front lobby, these volunteers make an impact on the day-to-day operations of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System.

Volunteers also serve on hospital teams and committees, providing insight and community support to the hospital.

The 2023-2024 Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary officers were sworn in during the celebration. This

includes President Laura Rohe, Treasurer Richard Buccheri and Recording and Corresponding Secretary Jackie Choate.

The AGH volunteers' passion and dedication to serving the Eastern Shore community is unwavering, and they are truly appreciated for everything they do.

For this year's celebration, volunteers were recognized for their years of dedicated service to Atlantic General Hospital.

In addition to honoring the volunteers' years of service, a special recognition was given to student volunteer Rina Dirickson who has spent years volunteering her time at the thrift shop every weekend.

Mary Lou Jones was also commended by the Worcester County commissioners' office for her 30 years of dedicated service to Atlantic General Hospital.

Volunteer years of service:

- One to five years: Eileen Betz, Vera Camillo, Bruce Campbell, Francis Carothers, Diane Cohee, Susan Decker, Debra Doyle, Ronald Engle, Linda Getgen, Margaret Hamilton, Arusa Islam, Patricia Kearney, Janice Kosesky, Sharron Lewis, Lois May, Jennifer Mays, Kaila McCabe, Pamela McGregor, Carol Miller, Kathleen Myers, Elise Scott, George Shoben, Kim Peters, Lee Peterson, Arthur Thomas, Peter Varghese, Mallie Barnett, Candida Daniele, Corinne Eby, Linda Finocchiaro, Marianna Freeman, Mary Gernhardt, Henrietta McCroskey, William Megary, Dorothy Pinto, Nancy Sullivan, Audrey Vanscoy, Kathleen Willett, Richard Buccheri, Pat Cooke, Joan McLaughlin, Cordelia Whittington, Denise Buccheri, Nancy Cartwright, Granvill Jones, Martha Quinn, Laura Rohe, Christine Bauer, Amelia Bloodsworth, Shirley Deemer, Rob Eckenrode, John Ensor, Jeanne Major, Millie Miller, and Eileen Pat-

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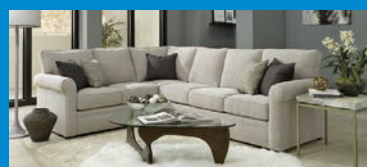
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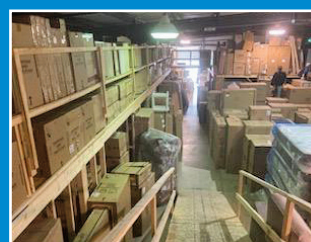
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Opinion

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Get out from under debt on Heron Park

The Town of Berlin has been trying to figure what to do with the Tyson poultry plant property for seven years now after buying the 63-acre parcel in 2016 for \$2.5 million.

It also has spent nearly as long looking for a way to get out from under that debt, especially since the cost of everything else the town does has become increasingly expensive.

Plenty of ideas have been offered on the great things that could be done with the former industrial tract, but most of these have fallen into the "wouldn't-it-be-nice?" category because the town doesn't have the money needed to institute them.

Then along comes developer/builder Palmer Gillis, who has offered \$1.5 million-plus for a 17-acre section, and whose plans will be discussed publicly at the July 10 mayor and council meeting.

Those plans, Gillis said in the proposal from his company, Coastal Ventures Properties, "... visualize a vibrant and lively multi-use commercial building(s) providing a home for a plethora of businesses, events, and community to exist here."

Perfect. Take the deal.

While there's always room for refinement and reconfiguration in this or any other project, it remains that the town doesn't have that many options, depending on taxpayers' level of tolerance.

It can either work with Gillis to get the deal done or continue to pay on the \$2.3 million balance for the next few decades while hoping something better comes along.

This is a bird-in-hand situation, and with the town hardly wallowing in cash, working with a local developer with a good reputation would seem to be its best course of action.

Also, as they say in real estate transactions, time is of the essence, especially as the costs of labor and materials continue to rise.

So, yes, ask tough questions, get the particulars, and negotiate with two things in mind: what residents want on the property and whether there ever will be a better and quicker way to pay off almost two-thirds of the cost of buying it.



Reprint from 7/25/19

OP Chamber's flounder tournament

(July 6, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its 16th annual Flounder Tournament and Auction on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The weigh-in and auction will take place at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and Marina from noon to 4:30 p.m.

This is the largest Maryland coastal flounder tournament and will feature an expected purse of over \$8,000.

"Our region gets tournament fever every summer, especially the first week in August," Ocean Pines Chamber President Kerrie Bunting,

said. "We are the little guy tournament. [It's] a great day on the water and a chance to win big without breaking your bank to enter."

Registration is \$55 per angler or \$50 each when registering more than one. Calcuttas are available for \$20 per angler.

The longest flounder brought in by any angler 13 or under wins \$100 and is also eligible for the main cash prizes. Register before noon on Aug. 4. Collectable T-shirts are free for the first 250 registered.

Sponsorships are available and organizers are seeking

donations for the auction, which will be held during the weigh-in.

For tournament rules, to register as a sponsor or angler, visit <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/16th-annual-flounder-tournament-14865>.

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit corporation comprised of area businesses organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

OP Chamber to host first Oktoberfest

(July 6, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is hosting Oktoberfest in the Pines from 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, at White Horse Park.

According to a news release, the inaugural event will feature Newark-based Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, or EVTG, a Bavarian Volkstanz and Schuhplattler group. The group aims to promote and preserve German folk dancing to help the Delaware Sängerbund and Library Associa-

tion, Inc. promote German customs and traditions.

Chamber members want to bring the true meaning of Oktoberfest to the community. In Germany, Oktoberfest is not considered simply a beer festival, but rather a traditional folk festival for the entire family. What better way to celebrate the German culture than by enjoying an authentic folk dancing troupe and band?

The release said a variety of

food vendors will be on hand, along with a beer garden and fun games and activities for all ages. Bring a chair to watch the performances, bring the kids to enjoy a lovely community fall event, and learn the true meaning of Oktoberfest.

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit OceanPinesChamber.org, call 410-641-5306, or email kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org.

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Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop leaders present a special recognition to student volunteer Rina Dirickson, who is headed to Johns Hopkins University.

Hospital volunteers recognized

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- Six to 10 years: Fran Adelhardt, Carol Applegit, Loretta Kletzli, Charleen Kuhblank, Fred Kuhblank, Jacklyn Mattson, Gerald Niedentohl, Elizabeth Parkin, Joseph Sowinski, Ellen Yannuzzi, Julian Coates, Jr., Dorothy Duvall, Cynthia Roman, Steven Stein, Audrey Wahl, Joan Dempsey, Deborah Staufenberg, Eileen Leonhart, Carole Mankus, Joan Murphy, Karol Salafia, Nick Salafia, Jean Beatty, and Barbara Lischak.

- 11-15 years: Robert Schultz, Ann Hamilton, Bruce Jarvis, Kathleen Tallman, Mina Engle, Nancy Jarvis, Hanna Myers, Mary Jo Scarbath, Karen Schultz, Theresa Wallace, Susan Wilson, and Tina Preziotti.

- 16-20 years: Betty Bowers, Eileen Martin, Kathryn Reeves, Kathy Schneider, Jane Wolnik, Nancie Beste, Joyce Brittan, Mary Cetola, MaryAnn Frontera, Joyce Melocik, Sandy Miller, Ellen Morvick, JoAnn Poremski, Beth Riley, Jackie Shockley, Carmen Sowinski, Carolyn Beatty, Jackie Choate, Rita Landis, James Morvick, and Joan Stearn.

- 21-plus years: Lorena Christian

(22 years), Kathleen Loetz (22), Jane Bartolomeo (23), Nicholas Bartolomeo (23) and Mary Lou Jones (30).

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(Above) Worcester Prep kindergartner Anna Harrison stopped by The Surfing Café to enjoy freshly made bread with her brother, Carter a third grader. (Left) Worcester Prep second grade teacher Julia Alison stopped by The Surfing Café for a piece of bread, served by third grader Jude Waked. SUBMITTED PHOTOS/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WPS third graders learned to bake bread, donate proceeds

(July 6, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School teachers Annie Seipp and Hannah Showell and their students, hosted this year's third grade bread sale as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies (civics and community), mathematics and philanthropy.

According to a news release, the project is modeled like a small business, with the young entrepreneurs baking bread, selling it to Lower School classmates in The Surfing

Café, and donating the proceeds to charity. The project involved researching ingredients, creating posters, giving oral reports, and rotating jobs — from baker to cashier — to learn all the facets of running a business.

The class partnered with Bad Monkey West in Ocean City where they learned how to make and bake the bread. At the end of the bread sale, students counted the money and donated the proceeds to Atlantic General Hospital.

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Obituaries

JOAN MARIE ABELL MERSINGER

Ocean Pines

Joan Marie Abell Mersinger, 89, of Ocean Pines, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 25, 2023, at her home in Ocean Pines surrounded by loving family.

Born June 19, 1934, in Baltimore, she was happily married to Joseph Mersinger for the past 66 years.

In addition to her husband Joe, she is survived by her four sons: Stephen Eric Mersinger and his wife Denise, of Berlin, Paul Mersinger and his wife Dawn of Westminster, Matt Mersinger and his wife, Karen of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Michael Mersinger and his wife



Joan Mersinger

Janet of Rincon, Georgia.

She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, who she adored and who lovingly called her "Mommo": Stephen, Kenny and Nick Mersinger, Andrew and Lauren Mersinger, Erica Cardinal, Luke Mersinger, Mattie Lawson, and Katherine Mersinger. She also had several great grandchildren: Cameran Mersinger, Avery, Grace and Hazel Cardinal, Kailynn and Logan Mersinger.

Joan was a member of St. John Neumann Church, in Berlin. She graduated from Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore in 1952.

A memorial service followed by a celebration of life will be announced soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Joan's name to Coastal Hospice Berlin, or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kerrie Bunting and Board Treasurer Tylor Lennox pose with a second-place state chamber challenge designation that the organization received at an awards ceremony in June.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OP Chamber takes second place in statewide contest

(July 6, 2023) The Board of Directors of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce recently earned a second-place designation in a statewide chamber challenge.

According to a news release, the announcement was made in June at the U.S. Small Business Administration's 37th Maryland Small Business Awards Event at Martin's West in Woodlawn.

Chamber President and CEO Kerrie Bunting, along with Board Treasurer Tylor Lennox, accepted the award on behalf of the chamber's board and partners.

The annual Chamber Challenge recognizes chambers across the state for efforts supporting Maryland's small businesses. Chambers are voted on by their members throughout the month of March. The top three winners are announced during the annual awards event. The Charles County Chamber of Commerce received first place and the Northwest Baltimore Chamber of Commerce earned Third.

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Cuisine

BLT sandwich Maryland summer classic

(Reprint from July 11, 2019) This heat wave has once again brought out the best in us Marylanders, or is it 'we' Marylanders? I can never remember. But I digress.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

For as long as I can remember, Mid-Atlantic folk have tended to complain all winter long that it is entirely too cold, and,

dammit, where is summer? Then when summer arrives, after a more-than-pleasant spring, Marylanders shout from the rooftop, "What in the hell happened to spring? It's so stinking hot! I can't wait until it cools down!"

I laugh every time that I hear this ubiquitous complaint, an evil smirk passing across my face as I don't mind heat or cold. I've written many times that the seasons themselves were the primary driving force for my return from San Diego after 3 1/2 years: there are no seasons there.

And while it is beautiful, I missed the typical scorching Maryland hot afternoon on which we watched the black clouds rip across the bay and dump torrential rain in a wicked thunderstorm, before quickly leaving us 10 degrees cooler with blue, sunny skies. Yes, I loved and still love those moments, even as a sailor as a young buck. I guess you can call me a thrill seeker.

The seasons also offer us food geeks an opportunity to diversify our menus, and we love doing that. Of course, we still have to "cook to the crowd," but shaking things up a bit rejuvenates us. And today is a special day, arriving a tad later than last year; The arrival of our heirloom tomatoes from Chesterfield Heirlooms, a wonderful little farm in Pittsville.

I get excited when the local produce starts rolling in, such as the shishito peppers, aforementioned tomatoes, fresh herbs and even ginger. Later in the summer, we will be getting some Texas red okra to soak in buttermilk and then batter and fry, one of my favorite little southern dishes.

Baby bok choy should be a regular item soon and with some Johnson's Bay oysters arriving Thursday, maybe it's time to put the Korean oysters back on the menu for the summer. Finally, a breath of fresh air. And with



summer in full-swing, we do as we can to spruce up our specials and offer our guests some great choices.

For me personally, the summer has been great so far. While I am exhausted, we have managed to cram a great many little adventures into our ridiculous schedule. Working around the clock (not my favorite thing to do), I try to take advantage of my one day a week to do the things I truly love: including taking the kids to the beach, surfing, fishing, paddling, simple walks on the beach or basically anything that does not include cooking or cleaning. I do enough of that at work.

So, back to the fresh produce, the one sandwich that comes back into my life every July is the BLT, an all-time favorite. There is something about the sweet-tart flavors of a vine-ripened Maryland tomato that will bring any dish to a whole new level.

As a child, I would eat tomatoes like apples, something that my brother could never bring himself to do, testament to the many differing tastes of people. So, this sandwich may not indeed be for everyone, but if you like bacon and tomato, I'm

pretty sure that you'll be making this soon.

For me, I also have to top it with Duke's Mayonnaise, and before you start yelling at me about Miracle Whip or Hellman's, I'm just going to go on record to say that it must be Duke's. If it's not, we cannot be friends. In fact, I probably won't even acknowledge you in public. Period.

With that being said, I will allow you to use the mayonnaise of your choosing. I mean, it is your sandwich, and this is mine. Either way, please just make sure to have your Maryland tomato on hand. You know, the one that was grown in the sweltering heat? It's summertime, baby!

BLT Sandwich

serves 4

1 lb. Thick cut pepper bacon

8 pieces white bread

Duke's Mayonnaise, as needed

Romaine or iceberg lettuce, as needed

Fresh heirloom tomatoes, as needed

1. Now you may need more than a pound of bacon to make four sandwiches. Four ounces per person really

is enough, but, in reality, I could eat a half a pound at a go, which could explain my "food baby" as of late.

2. When cooking the bacon, you can do it the old-fashioned way in a pan on the rangetop, or you can do it the cool way, which follows:

3. Lay the bacon out on a baking pan and bake at 350F for about 15-19 minutes (time will vary with your oven).

4. Remove to paper towels or a drain rack and set aside until it's sandwich time.

5. I am certainly not one to begrudge you your toasted bread, but I was raised on roast beef sandwiches and BLTs on white bread, not toasted. As such, I get to eat a little bit of my childhood when I make it the old way. I'll leave this up to you.

If you want to start the Duke's mayo v. Miracle Whip v. Hellman's debate, look me up on Facebook and we can start a group.

Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurant and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES. boxcarrestaurants.com

Calendar

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Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. A free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment is required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME AT THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Held in the picnic pavilion by the playground. Bring a blanket to sit in the grass or sit at the tables. Rain location is Ocean City library. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MERRY MAKERS: DIY WOOD FRAME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. This month's project is making a picture farm out of a small piece of wood. All materials provided. Limit 10. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

MAKE TOGETHER!

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Kids (ages 5 years and older) and their parents use their creativity and building skills to upcycle cardboard into fantastical creations. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Com to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

VISIT WITH SGT. LEWIS & K-9 ZEKE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. K-9 Zeke is a dual purpose German Shepherd, a certified police K-9 in narcotics, tracking and patrol. Meet and greet, crafts and activities. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING WITH MARK LANDRY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Featuring "Beach Patrol: Lifeguarding in Ocean City, MD 1966-1974." Author will present his perspective of that time capsule and share stories from his recent book, and sign purchased copies.

ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-641-0650.

www.worcesterlibrary.org

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Featuring "Fab 2, 3, 4: A tribute to the Beatles." Pack a picnic and bring a lawn chair. Boaters also welcome. Free event. downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333 x111

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Juke Box Hero (Foreigner cover band). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <https://ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 302-436-9577, BeachSingles.org.

Fri., July 7

CHURCH YARD SALE

Taylorville United Methodist, 11252 Adkins Road, Berlin, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Last yard sale ... everything must go. Proceeds to be used for community outreach.

PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING WITH MARK LANDRY

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STEAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join in for an hour of open-ended STEAM activities. Build, experiment and create with a variety of materials. For ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIY BEADED BRACELETS & ANKLETS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pop into the library to create your own beaded bracelet or anklet. All supplies provided. For teens and adults. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits. Free event. All are welcome. Satellite galleries at the Coffee Beanery and Princess Royale. artleagueofocancity.org, 410-524-9433

Sat., July 8

CHURCH YARD SALE

Taylorville United Methodist, 11252 Adkins Road, Berlin, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Last yard sale ... everything must go. Proceeds to be used for community outreach.

PATRIOTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$9 for adults and free to children 9 years and younger. Tickets: <https://kiwanisofopoc.org/pancake-breakfast-1>. Benefiting The Kiwanis Club.

TINKER TIME: LETTER WRITING STATION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime and visit the letter writing station and pen a note to a friend. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. Children and their families are invited. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEM SATURDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in any time during the day to use your creativity and build using one of the STEM building kits. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY - MAZES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.-noon. Join in for a variety of maze games and puzzles for the whole family. For all ages. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS IN THE COURTYARD

Art League of Ocean City - Courtyard, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Engage in hands-on activities from painting to paper crafts and beyond. In case of inclement weather, classes will be held inside. Held every Saturday until Labor Day. artleagueofocancity.org

SUMMER MUSIC @ FURNACE TOWN:

BRYAN AND THE BARN OWLS
Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Tickets Free-\$10. Furnace Town is excited to welcome Bryan and the Barn Owls to Furnace Town for some good ol' Americana music. Come on out for food, music, and more. 410-632-2032

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Carter Drab who has been bow fishing the Delmarva area for snakeheads, rays and skates. Also, members will share updates on any fishing regulations, trip, etc. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

Sun., July 9

ARTS DAY IN THE PINES

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring Kids Zone, art workshops, live music, raffles, over 60 artisans, artist demos, art cars, caricatures, food, beer and wine. Event benefits Art League of Ocean City. artleagueofocancity.org, 410-524-9433

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Sapphire "The 80s Tribute Band" activities for children and fireworks. Ice cream and beverages for sale. Free event. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., July 10

STORY TIME: SHARKS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Summer story time about sharks to celebrate shark week. Stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PRESSED FLOWER JARS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. The beautiful pressed-flower-decorated jars are fun and easy to make. Materials provided. Register: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

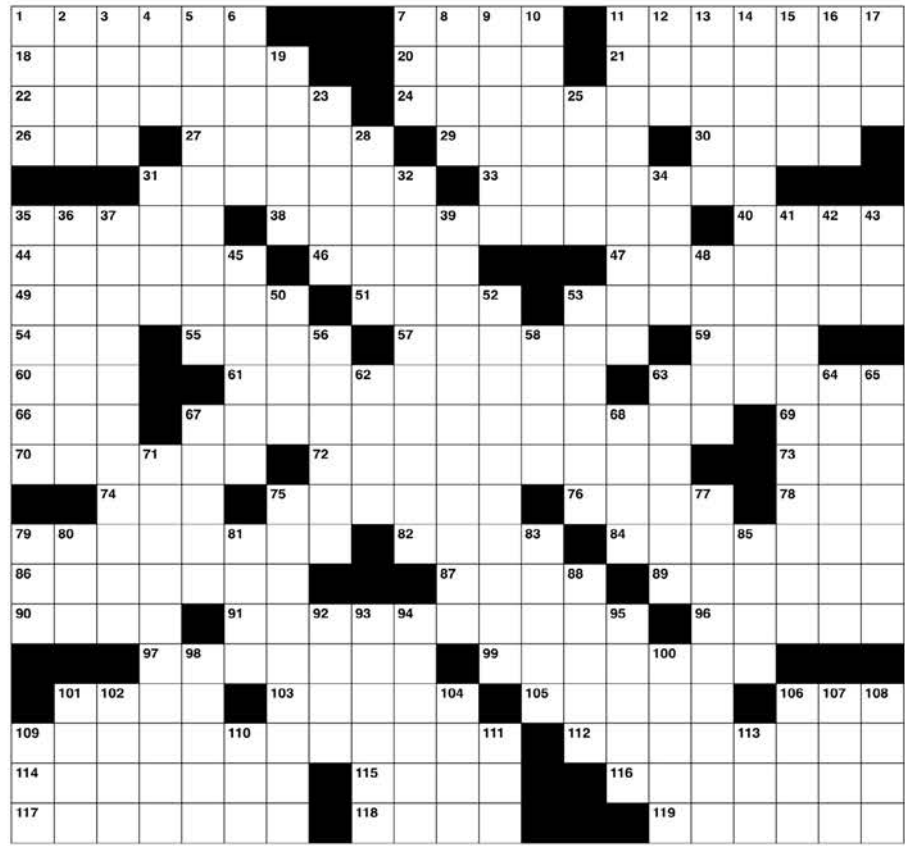
Puzzles

OPPOSITES ATTRACTING

BY JOHN WESTWIG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

John Westwig is a software engineer in Seattle. He got into crosswords when he was very young, solving Games magazine on car trips with his family. Constructing came soon after. He sold his first puzzle to The Times in 2015, when he was 17. This is his eighth (and first Sunday). "Lots of friends do the Times puzzle," he writes, "but most complain that mine are too hard." — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiny trunks
 - 7 Party person
 - 11 "Are you freaking kidding me?"
 - 18 Rural greeting
 - 20 Many a "Survivor" setting
 - 21 Bit of doubling down from a parent
 - 22 Event at a hot new club?
 - 24 "I wish I were under four feet tall," e.g.?
 - 26 M.S.G. team, on scoreboards
 - 27 Lot lot
 - 29 Name found on a calendar
 - 30 For whom the bell tolls
 - 31 Tactical reductions in lighting, as during W.W. II
 - 33 Sommelier's superlative
 - 35 Great garage-sale find
 - 38 Career for a scammer?
 - 40 Scissors' sound
 - 44 Muse of comedy and idyllic poetry
 - 46 German "village"
 - 47 Bubbly, in a way
 - 49 Forwards
 - 51 How Cassius looks to Caesar, in Shakespeare
 - 53 Muscle relaxers
- DOWN**
- 1 It's guarded in soccer
 - 2 Carnival ride
 - 3 Jedi ally from Endor
 - 4 End of a college search?
 - 5 Some work at a carwash
 - 6 Public hatred
 - 7 Adjective often capitalized in the Bible
 - 8 Org. concerned with plants
 - 9 Serve, as messy cafeteria food
 - 10 Earthling, in sci-fi
 - 11 Act on behalf of
 - 12 Bear, in Bogotá
 - 13 Diatribes
- ACROSS**
- 54 Dripping in jewelry, slangily
 - 55 Real dope
 - 57 Secret service member?
 - 59 Cholera
 - 60 What's said in passing?
 - 61 Test subject
 - 63 Repeated small role for Paul Rudd
 - 66 Transcript fig.
 - 67 Slinky?
 - 69 That's in Seine!
 - 70 Six-winged biblical being
 - 72 Famous drawing of a ship?
 - 73 Theater rival of Regal and Cinemark
 - 74 Double-helix material
 - 75 Food fight sounds
 - 76 Sight along a country road
 - 78 Score on a clean sheet
 - 79 Lead guitarist of Queen, who has a Ph.D. in astrophysics
 - 82 Black humor
 - 84 Kind of race that's not quite a half-marathon
 - 86 Kicks down the road
 - 87 Kate of "House of Cards"
 - 89 ___ Troi, character on "Star Trek: T.N.G."
 - 90 Kind of lily
 - 91 Dinner date that makes a good story?
 - 96 Richard Parker in "Life of Pi," for one
 - 97 Like much prized blue-and-white porcelain
- DOWN**
- 99 Crab or lobster
 - 101 Texter's toodle-oo
 - 103 "Bleeding Love" singer Lewis
 - 105 1970 hit for Neil Diamond
 - 106 Ad Council output, in brief
 - 109 A kiss, a hug, a wave, the works?
 - 112 Title of an essay by a hit man?
 - 114 Weeks, in Oaxaca
 - 115 Analogy words
 - 116 Common pet name
 - 117 Goes on and on and on
 - 118 Bet bit
 - 119 Work-from-home wear, informally
- ACROSS**
- 14 Considerably large, in Appalachian dialect
 - 15 Rock's ___ Brickell & New Bohemians
 - 16 One of two for six of VIII?
 - 17 Record
 - 19 Leading
 - 23 Thanksgiving table decoration
 - 25 The first man ever created, in Maori lore
 - 28 You might see one upside down on a bar
 - 31 Broad valley
 - 32 Still shot of a moving image, in tech-speak
 - 34 "Grand slam" in showbiz
 - 35 Relationship conditions, so to speak
 - 36 New England vacation destination, familiarly
 - 37 "Whoa there, Warren G.!"?
 - 39 That one will never have again
 - 41 Compliment for a lexicographer?
 - 42 Squid squirt
 - 43 Family-friendly ratings
 - 45 Coors of brewing fame
 - 48 Making an impression?
 - 50 What prices and hearts may do
 - 52 Unclaimed area
 - 53 Greetings
 - 56 Certain government agent, informally
- DOWN**
- 58 Friend group
 - 62 Kapoor who played the game-show emcee in "Slumdog Millionaire"
 - 63 Tried to engineer an advantage
 - 64 Author who wrote "Weeds are flowers, too, once you get to know them"
 - 65 Energy option
 - 67 Touches on both sides
 - 68 Still fighting
 - 71 Cutting class in med school?
 - 75 Old timer
 - 77 Not quite enough
 - 79 Some gas stations, in brief
 - 80 Regret
 - 81 Stop hiding behind?
 - 83 Former Indigenous inhabitants of modern-day Buffalo
 - 85 Word after Minute or meter
 - 88 Chili variety that means "wide" in Spanish
 - 92 Some of the wildlife in the 20,000-year-old paintings in Lascaux Cave
 - 93 Hot
 - 94 Go "poof!"
 - 95 Increases
 - 98 Good name for a political pundit?
 - 100 Street clearers
 - 101 Nickname for Atlanta
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

6	7	9	3	2	8	4	5	1
5	1	8	6	9	4	2	7	3
4	3	2	1	5	7	9	6	8
9	2	3	4	7	1	6	8	5
8	6	5	2	3	9	1	4	7
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Calendar

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MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE: SUMMER READING EDITION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Watch movies related to this year's summer reading theme. Snacks provided. For ages 4 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157.

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free event held every Monday from July 10-Aug. 28. Grab your beach chair or blanket for an evening of interactive entertainment hosted by local DJs. For all ages. www.ococean.com, 410-250-0125

FIREWORKS ALONG THE BOARDWALK

2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9:30 p.m. Dazzling spectacle of fireworks scheduled every Monday night from July 10-Aug. 28. www.ococean.com

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

Tues., July 11

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SCALES & TALES W/ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. An environmental education program that gives people the opportunity to see live wildlife up close and personal. For ages 5 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WEEGAMERZ VIDEO GAME TRAILER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Enjoy a wide selection of games in this high-tech

and climate controlled video game truck. Players play in 20 minute turns. Register: bit.ly/weegamerz-registration. For ages 12 years and older. 410-641-0650

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Group provides discussions and support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. To reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765.

ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you are working on to this open collaborative. All genres welcome. Present works in progress or talk through composition issues with other songwriters. 410-641-0650

MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. Held July 11 and 12. Cost is \$20 for both evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

Wed., July 12

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Held via Zoom the first and second Wednesdays of each month. For non-



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KIWANIS FUNDRAISER

Pictured from left are Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Kiwanians Jan and Bob Wolfing, who serves as president, with Worcester Youth & Family Services Executive Director Jennifer Leggour at the club's annual luau fundraiser at the Sunset Grille in West Ocean City.

surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for a time just for you and your teeny tiny. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years and their caregivers. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LIBRARY ERESOURCES AT THE 50PLUS CENTER

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Bring your eDevices and learn what the library has to offer. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. An energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, art, comedy, anti-bullying and audience participation. Interactive and fun for all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIABETES EDUCATION

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4-6 p.m. Discussion and education focusing on long-term complications, prevention, screening and foot/wound care. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

SUMMER SEA GLASS ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 5 p.m. Learn how to make summer themed sea glass art. All supplies included. Limit 15. Register: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL AND FAMILY REGISTRATION

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 6-8

p.m. Ice cream sundae social and registration for Vacation Bible School Day (July 22). Register at this event or at www.bethanyberlin.org "contact us." Megan Cooke, 443-614-3870, mj-cooke11@gmail.com

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays through Aug. 25 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

ONGOING EVENTS

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, July 3-Aug. 25. Held Monday through Saturday, 10-10:30 a.m. Mondays feature History of Our Surfmens; Tuesdays, Beach Safety; Wednesdays, Knot Tying; Thursdays, All About Sharks; Fridays, Land, Sky, & Sea; Saturdays, Aquarium Feeding. www.ocmuseum.org

ALL TOGETHER NOW: COMMUNITY JOURNALING PROJECT

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during the month of July. Contribute your ideas, sketches, drawings of favorite memories. Read through pages already filled out to learn about others through their writing and art. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, all day, every day in July. Come grab an art kit to create at the library or take it with you. Most supplies included. For all ages. 410-524-1818

Classified

MARKETPLACE

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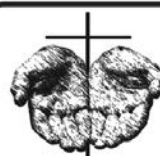
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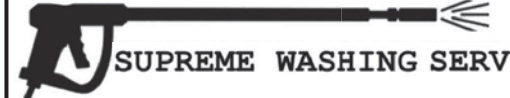
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